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Patent Application of	) MAIL STOP: AF			
Michael Vincent LEWIS et al.	) Group Art Unit: 2125			
Application No.: 09/763,807	) Examiner: R. Jarrett			
Filed: June 15, 2001  For: CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING MACHINE AND CONTROL	Confirmation No.: 3685  RECEIVED			
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Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$385.00 (2801) [X] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be 1. [ ] A. entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. [ ] B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested: [ ] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission: [X] Amendment/Reply. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). Petition for Extension of Time. Other: []

The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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No additional claim fee is required.

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	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE			
Basic Fee					\$770.00 (1001)			
Total Claims	46	MINUS 46 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =				
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 5 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =				
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4.	[]	A ch	eck in the	amount of	\$ is enclosed	for the fee d	lue.

- 5. [X] Charge \$ 770.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [ ] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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